

## Xplore Sustainability North America

**Date**

7 November 2023

Time	Session	Description
08:00-09:00	<b>Registration</b> <b>Topic:</b> Coffee and light breakfast	Time for attendees to arrive, register and network over coffee and a light breakfast.
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Topic:</b> Welcome and Community Overview <b>Speaker:</b> Sedex Head of Community Pritesh Chauhan	Head of Community, Pritesh Chauhan, will welcome attendees and share the progress of the Sedex Community.
09:10 – 09:40	<b>Sedex Strategic Updates</b> <b>Topic:</b> Making global supply chains more socially and environmentally sustainable <b>Speakers:</b> Sedex CEO Jon Hancock and Director of Customer & Member Relations Allison Hudson	Hear from Sedex's CEO, Jon Hancock, on how the company is performing in relation to its new 5-year strategy. Allison Hudson, Director of Member and Customer Relations, will provide updates on Sedex's product roadmap and how our tools are helping customers to create more socially and environmentally sustainable supply chains.
09:40 – 10:30	<b>Legislation</b> <b>Topic:</b> Navigating US and global supply chain sustainability legislation <b>Speakers:</b> Sedex Global Head of Consulting Bex Hall and ArentFox Schiff Partner Angela Santos	ESG regulation is gaining traction around the world – with significant impacts on U.S. companies. Complying with legislation is one of the biggest challenges businesses now face when it comes to managing sustainable supply chains. Our expert speakers help you navigate which legislation impacts your business and how to overcome the challenges.
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Networking Coffee Break</b>	
11:00 – 11:20	<b>Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ)</b> <b>Topic:</b> Updates and insights on latest Sedex SAQ  <b>Speakers:</b> Sedex Social Sustainability Manager Tom Sewell and Lead Product Manager Sarah Guy-Gibbens	We'll provide updates on the performance of the latest Sedex SAQ, explain the importance of collecting supply chain data for human rights due diligence, offer insights from the data to support your sustainability program, and inform you about upcoming developments.

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11:20 – 12:10	<b>SMETA</b> <b>Topic:</b> Evolution and Updates <b>Speakers:</b> Sedex SMETA Evolution & Impact Lead Clare Fitton and Lead Product Manager Gaby Sebire	SMETA audits are used by the world's leading brands as a key tool to improve working conditions. Hear the latest updates on the rollout of the new SMETA methodology, in consultation with members.
12:10 – 12:50	<b>Audit Quality</b> <b>Topic:</b> APSCA & Sedex Partnering for Improvement <b>Speakers:</b> Sedex Head of Quality Assurance and Audit Partners Fiorela Topciu and APSCA President & CEO Rona Starr	Working together, APSCA and Sedex are driving the future of audit. Hear how they can support your organization and how Sedex's Audit Quality Programme is ensuring a high level of delivery. This is a great opportunity to hear from APSCA directly and gain a fuller understanding of their role in working with Sedex.
12:50 – 14:00	<b>Networking Lunch</b>	
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Keynote &amp; Panel Discussion</b> <b>Topic:</b> Power of Partnerships <b>Speakers:</b> TraceGains and Emitwise moderated by Sedex Global Head of Consulting Bex Hall	As part of Sedex's growth, we've partnered with expert organisations - networked ingredients marketplace TraceGains and carbon accounting platform Emitwise - to develop and expand our services. Hear directly from our partners about the value of these partnerships and the impact of the opportunities we're developing. A panel discussion and Q&A session will follow.
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Networking Coffee Break</b>	

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15:30 – 16:00	<b>Data &amp; Insights</b> <b>Topic:</b> Unleashing the power of data-driven insights to unlock the true value of Sedex membership <b>Speaker:</b> Sedex CMO Maurizio Capuzzo	Discover the art of measuring and communicating the Return on Investment (ROI) of your Sedex membership in this insightful presentation. Gain a comprehensive understanding of how to effectively showcase both the quantifiable and unquantifiable benefits that arise from your Sedex engagement. Learn valuable strategies and techniques to determine the time frame required to recoup your investments, enabling you to demonstrate the value of Sedex to your organization with precision and confidence.
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Data &amp; Insights</b> <b>Topic:</b> Key Data Points for ESG Reporting & Impact Measurement <b>Speakers:</b> Sedex SMETA Evolution & Impact Lead Clare Fitton and Sedex Global Head of Consulting Bex Hall	Data on a business's operations, employees and supply chain is crucial for identifying and tackling social and environmental sustainability issues and evidencing a company's ESG impact in a credible way. This interactive session will explore which data points to collect and how, as well as opportunities to bring that data to life within your ESG reporting, both internally and externally.
16:30 – 16:50	<b>Open Forum – Ask Sedex</b> <b>Topic:</b> Q&A Forum with Sedex Executives <b>Speakers:</b> Executive Team	A core Community principal is to create open forums for you to ask the questions that matter to you and your organisation. Ask Sedex Executives your burning questions in a quick-fire Q&A session.
16:50 – 17:00	<b>Close</b> <b>Topic:</b> Closing remarks <b>Speaker:</b> Sedex Head of Community Pritesh Chauhan	Reflection on the day and ideas for the future.
17:00 – 19:00	<b>Drinks Reception</b>	

\*Please note that this agenda may be subject to change